"For God and Country."

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England —is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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FIVE YEARS.

The fifth anniversary of the establishment of the mission was held in the Chapel, on May 17th, the Rev. Francis T. H. Finn being the preacher. Mr. Harry E. Kratz, who had charge of the choir at the first service and has given so much of his time and labor to this work, was the leader of the vested choir.

The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, in a brief address, told of the first service on May 17, 1903, in the hall at Valley Forge. The service had been thoroughly advertised through the papers and by handbills. The congregation consisted of a woman and a baby from Valley Forge and a woman and a boy from Bridgeport.

In the face of a deadening indifference and much opposition this work of faith and prayer has been steadily carried on until on the fifth anniversary there were 49 communicants, 152 in the Sunday schools, 72 in the guilds, a property worth $24,000, nearly $1,000 in the Endowment Fund and pledges amounting to over $11,000. The Chapel has be-

come a remarkable spiritual factor in the surrounding country, and its patriotic influences have extended to the boundaries of the nation. President Roosevelt. Vice-President Fairbanks, the Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, the Hon. Philander C. Knox, and the Hon. Irving P. Wanger, among the nation's leaders, and the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, the Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, the Rt. Rev. Robert A. Gibson and the Rt. Rev . James Van Buren, among the church's leaders, have most heartily given their support to the upbuilding of this work. Every year its list of benefactors grows larger and its supporters grow more enthusiastic.

A SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS.

Two congregations gathered.

Two Sunday Schools organized.

Two choirs organized.

The Chapel choir vested by Mrs. S. S Zulich.

Part of the salary of a resident minister provided by the Convocation of Norristown.

The Washington Chapel Guild organized.

The Bartram Club organized.

The Martha Washington Guild organized.

The endowment fund, now amounting to $849.73, was formed.

Annual celebrations of our National Days, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Evacuation Day, Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day instituted at Valley Forge.

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THE CHAPEL.

3 9-10 acres of land purchased.

1 7-32 acres of land given by Mr. and Mrs. I. Heston Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Todd.

The temporary frame chapel built and enlarged.

The nave of the Chapel built to the window sill line.

The corner-stone was given by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D.

The stone lining, oak ceiling and windows in the porch were given by All Saints' Sunday School, Norristown.

The Indiana limestone lining of the nave was given by the Sunday Schools of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Washington-Sullivan font given by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sullivan.

Eight "Pews of the Patriots" placed, as follows:

The Joseph Shippen Pew given by William H. Swift, Elizabeth Swift, Sarah Swift Zulich, and Joseph Swift.

The Samuel Runk Pew given by Emma Ten Broeck Runk, and Louis Barcroft Runk.

The Thomas Cummings Pew given by Sarah Swift Zulich, widow of Thos. Cummings Zulich, Mary J. Rinelk, Thos. Cummings Zulich, and Thomas Cummings Zulich, Jr.

The Patrick Anderson Pew given by his descendants.

The Christopher Pechin and Christiana Bright Pechin Pew given by Lilla Sellers Pechin and Mary Pechin Bliss.

The Jacob and John Kingsbury Pew given by Frederick John Kingsbury.

The Richard Currie Pew given by his descendants.

The William Dewees Pew given by W. Dewees Wood, Alan Wood, Jr., Howard Wood, Thomas Roberts, William M. Potts, and Francis L. Potts.

Altar frontals, cross, cruet, ciborium, chest, chairs, furniture, glass, china, etc., given by Mrs. S. S. Zulich.

Hymn board given by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Yarrow.

The heater, windows, doors, chancel chairs, reredos, etc., given by All Saints' Church, Norristown.

A lectern and hangings given by St. James's Church, Downingtown, Pa.

The Emma Jane Wilson Altar Desk given by the Washington Chapel Guild

The Bible, given by the candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society, All Saints' Church, Norristown.

The Thaddeus Thompson Tablet given by Rhoda Augusta Thompson.

The models for the tablets in memory of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Framers of the Constitution, made by Miss Martha Hovenden.

The alms-basons given by Mrs. John R. McCurdy and Mrs. Henry A. Hoyt.

The "Betsy Ross Flag and Staff," given by All Saints' Sunday School, Norristown.

The bell, given by St. Andrew's Sunday School, Philadelphia.

The piano given by the children of Mrs. Winfield S. Wilson.

THE CLOISTER OF THE COLONIES.

Four bays in the "Cloister of the Colonies" built:

The New Jersey Bay, given by Miss Sarah R. Chew.

The Pennsylvania Bay, given by Mr. T. Broom Belfield.

The Virginia Bay, given by Mr. George C. Thomas.

The Maryland Bay, given by Mr. James E. Mitchell.

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

Quantity of building stone given by Mr. Frank Quigg.

The fund for the erection of the Patriot's Hall was begun.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History founded.

The Jesse Y. Burk collection of Indian relics donated.

The Mary Regina Brice collection of historical documents formed.

Numerous gifts of relics by various friends.

The Washington Memorial Library started with the gift by a "New York Friend" of the treasured "Advice to a Son," and increased by gifts of books and maps.

UNFINISHED WORK.

The Montgomery County Camps, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and Quaker City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, have completed their funds for memorial windows

The Continental Army Pew given by the Colorado Society, Daughters of the Revolution, is ready for shipment, and the Reverend Robert Blackwell Pew has been ordered.

The contract has been given for the Alan Wood Pulpit, Lectern and Perclose, the gift of Mrs. Mary H. Wood.

The contract has been given for the John Benjamin tablet.

The Massachusetts Society, Sons of the Revolution, is completing its fund for the Massachusetts Bay in the "Cloister of the Colonies."

The German-American Alliance is raising the money with which to build the DeKalb and Steuben Bays in the "Porch of the Allies."

Heroes of the Battle of Germantown Honored.

Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., has done a noble work in marking the last resting place of the soldiers who died near the banks of the Perkiomen as a result of the heroic assault on Germantown, October 4, 1777. Unknown and unnumbered they lie in God's acre at Evansburg, and there the Chapter dedicated a boulder on June 6. Mrs. N. Howland Brown, Regent, unveiled the monument, the Rev. Frank S. Ballentine, rector of the parish, offered the prayer of dedication, and the address was delivered by the Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, LL. D.

The following inscription is cut in the stone: "This stone marks the burial place of a number of soldiers who died for the cause of American Independence. 1775-1783. Placed by Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., 1908."

EVACUATION DAY.

Dedication of the Maryland Bay in the "Cloister of the Colonies."

The preparations for the celebration of Evacuation Day, June 19, have been going on apace. Men have been at work grading and sodding, with the result that the appearance of the grounds has been greatly improved. The Maryland Bay, the gift of Mr. James E. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, is complete and ready for the dedication, which will take place at three o'clock, the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D. D., officiating. The Rev. J. Andrews Harris, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, will preach the sermon.

Bishop Whitaker will dedicate at the same service a very beautiful bronze tablet given by Mrs. Nancy Delia Benjamin Pearson, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, in honor of her grandfather, John Benjamin, artillerist in the Continental army.

The Dedication of the Equestrian Statue of Major General Anthony Wayne.

On Saturday, June 20th, at 1.30 p. m, the exercises connected with the dedication of the equestrian statue of Major-General Anthony Wayne will be held on the camp ground at Valley Forge. Beale's Philadelphia Band and the Phoenix Military Band will furnish the music. The statue will be unveiled by Miss Lydia Bush Brown, daughter of the sculptor. A salute will be given by Battery E, Third U. S. Artillery, and a salute to the statue with Revolutionary colors by the color guard of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution. The oration of the day will be given by the Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, LL. D., and his knowledge of history and everything pertaining to Valley Forge is too well-known to need mention here. Two great memorial events on successive days at Valley Forge.

EVACUATION DAY, 1778.

WASHINGTON AND WAYNE.

On the eve of this Evacuation Day there is nothing which will better illustrate the value and importance of the Valley Forge Museum of American History than the following letter.

"Sir:

General Wayne having very pressing business at Philadelphia, I have consented to his going there to-morrow and returning the next day. You are to join the division commanded by him and take charge of it during his absence. When he returns you will rejoin your brigade.

I am Sir
Your most Obed Servt
Geo. Washington

N. The division is about a
mile and a half on the other side
the Bridge. It will march
to-morrow morning 4 o'clock
toward Coryels ferry-
Head Quarters
June 18, 1778."

This is the "Abbie J. R. Burk Memorial" Washington letter and belongs to the Chapel. It is one of the very last written at Valley Forge, being written after three o'clock on the day on which the Evacuation began. Of course "the Bridge," is Sullivan's. The letter is most interesting as it gives the movements of General Wayne on June 19 and 20, one hundred and thirty years ago.

"It is not in our power to Command Success, but it is in our power to produce a Conviction to the world that we deserve it."—Wayne to Washington.

THE PEWS OF THE PATRIOTS.

THE COLORADO PEW.

The Continental Army Pew, given by the Colorado Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, arrived in time for the Memorial Day service. It is another handsome addition to the Chapel, and when the memorial plates are in place it will be one of the most interesting of the Pews of the Patriots. There ought to be a Navy Pew as well as an Army Pew. The Continental Navy played a most important part in the War of the Revolution. The story of Long Island and Trenton would have been far different if it had not been for the American sailors. On sea and on land they did heroic service and some of them suffered here at Valley Forge. Let us have a Continental Navy Pew. Who will give it?

THE REVEREND ROBERT BLACKWELL PEW.

The Reverend Robert Blackwell, missionary, army officer, preacher and scholar, is to be commemorated by one of the Pews of the Patriots.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee met at the Chapel on May 16 and reorganized by electing the Rev. W. Herbert Burk chairman. Mr. Frank Quigg was re-elected secretary. The resignation of Mr. Chas. W. Comfort was accepted with reluctance, as he had served as treasurer for nearly five years, and had taken the keenest interest in the work. Mr. Leslie Jefferis was unanimously elected treasurer. Mr. Jefferis is a member of the Chapel congregation and a man admirably qualified for this responsible office. His election has met with the hearty approval of the congregation.

The chief business of the committee was the consideration of the plans for the extension of the chancel and the erection of a part of the Patriots' Hall.

Miss Rhoda Augusta Thompson.

In the death of Miss Rhoda Augusta Thompson, of Woodbury, Conn., the Chapel has lost a devoted friend, the donor of the Thaddeus Thompson tablet. This represents patient perseverance and much self-denial, for Miss Thompson was a pensioner of the United States government. On December 19, 1906, the tablet was dedicated, the members of Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., acting as hostesses in behalf of Miss Thompson, who was unable to be present. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, and the tablet was unveiled by Miss Clara Monroe Barbour, of Brooklyn, a great-great-granddaughter of Thaddeus Thompson. The address was delivered by Major Moses Veale, vice-president of Philadelphia Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

THE THADDEUS THOMPSON TABLET.

THE PATRIOT'S HALL.

THE FOUNDERS.

It is gratifying to note the increasing list of the "Founders of the Patriots' Hall." The following have been enrolled in the Book of the Founders and will receive Founders' Certificates:

Mrs. D. Woelpper Chandler, Elkins Park $1.00
Mrs. Henry C. Butcher, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. Sarah L. Babcock, Winnetka, Ill. 1.00
Mrs. Edward A. Boyne, Bradford, Pa. 1.00
Mrs. C. E. Brainerd, Oakmont, Pa.. 1.00
Miss Florence Addicks, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. Clement M. Brown, Hartford, Conn. 1.00
Miss Kate H. Chandler, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. William H. Bennett, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bladen, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Anderson, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. James Bayard, Philadelphia.. 1.00
Mrs. Samuel Ames, Providence, R. I. 1.00
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, Philadelphia 1.00
Miss Josephine C. Bonnell, Philadelphia 1.00
Mrs. George S. Baker, Providence, R. I. 1.00
Mrs. Walter S. Ballou, Providence, R. I. 1.00
Mrs. J. A. G. Campbell, Chester, Pa. 1.00
Gettysburg Chapter, D. A. R. 1.00
Mrs. William H. Bennett, Philadel-
Mr. Samuel P. Shaffer, Montgomery, Pa., ... 1.00
Mrs. Richard Jackson Barker, Tiverton, R. I. 1.00
Miss Helen Lawton, Tiverton, R. I. 1.00
Mrs. Horace A. Beale, Parkesburg, Pa. 1.00

$23.00
Previously reported $15.00

$38.00

Work on the Patriots' Hall is progressing so satisfactorily that we expect to be able to open the Museum of American History on or before Independence Day. We are building only one room of the Hall at present, but we hope that it will not be long before our friends will see that it and the historical collections are enlarged. Fire-proof construction will be employed in order to safeguard the relics.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Memorial Day service was a memorable one and those who braved the storm were well repaid by the impressive service and helpful address. The vested choir from All Saints' Church took part in the service and the address was made by the Rev. Mr. Finn. Just before the retrocessional three of the choristers decorated the memorials in the Chapel and after the service the flowers sent by Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, were placed at the base of the Waterman monument and on the grave.

BEQUEST TO THE CHAPEL.

The will of Abbie J. R. Burk, wife of the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, has been admitted to probate. Mrs. Burk left all her estate to her husband during his life and provides that after his death the estate shall go to the churches in which they worked together, St. Peter's Church, Clarksboro, N. J.; All Saints' Church, Norristown, and the Washington Memorial Chapel.